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My Dear Wife:

It is late this evening, but I will write a brief letter.

I took quite a walk on Thursday morning, from Egham, across Runnimede, and along the river bank to Magna Charta Island.

It was a cool, cloudy morning and I had a very pleasant walk.

I left Egham about eleven o'clock, for Reading. At the latter place I changed cars for Oxford. I got here about two o'clock, having been detained a while at Didcot, where I changed cars again.

I spent yesterday afternoon in looking around Oxford.

I first went to Christ Church College, and looked around the buildings and grounds. Both are very large.

The grounds are beautiful. The large, old elms, the walks about the grounds, along the river bank, &c., are very beautiful.

After I came back from walking around the grounds, I went into the Cathedral Church, which is also the Chapel for this College. It is a most beautiful Church. The stone work of the interior is very fine indeed.

I next went into Corpus Christi and Merton Colleges. After this, I walked around and looked at some of the other Colleges. When I got to Oxford I left my sachel at the station. I liked the looks of a new, brick hotel, not far from the station, which indicated by its sign that it was a temperance hotel. It looked like a quiet, pleasant place. I went to this hotel, towards evening, and engaged a room, and got my sachel over. I am very pleasantly and comfortably fixed, at very moderate rates.

About seven o'clock I went up street again, and rode out to the

end of the street car line in four different directions. In this way I saw a good deal of the town in a short time.

To-day, I have been busy looking through the different colleges, the Bodleian Library, ↑c.

At. ten o'clock, I saw the University authorities confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts on two Students, and Master of Arts on about twenty-four. It was a very formal affair. They do such things with a great deal of form and ceremony here.

I went from here to the observatory, having noticed that Dr. Pritchard was to deliver a lecture at 12 o'clock, at that place. His assistant was there, and said the class in Matt. astron. was so small that Dr. P. had them go to his house.

The assistant showed me all through the Observatory very nicely.

He urged me to call on Dr. Pritchard, but I was too tired.

I now went down town to get some lunch, and on the way looked at a number of interesting things.

I afterwards looked through some of the other colleges, and walked around through the grounds belonging to two or three of them.

The beautiful grounds, or gardens as they call them, are one of the most attractive features about Oxford.

I will not attempt to describe them till I see you.

I do not wonder that students like to come to Oxford. It is a lovely place in every way.

I have made myself pretty tired walking so much the last two or three days.

I think I shall go in the morning to Stratford. Although the distance is small, I cannot get there till nearly noon, because of a change of cars.

I am not certain, but I think it probable I shall stay in Stratford till Monday morning. It depends on circumstances.

I hoped to get a letter from you, forwarded from London, while here, but none has come. When I get to Cambridge Monday evening or Tuesday, I shall surely get one.

It has been raining some this evening, and is cool. I hope it will be clear to-morrow. I hope the weather is cooler than it was with you.

Remember me to all.

Your loving husband,

S. J. Kirkwood.